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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Makoto KATSUMATA, et al.

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For: METHOD FOR SEPARATING METAL AND INORGANIC PARTICLES FROM METAL-INORGANIC PARTICLE COMPOSITE MATERIAL

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification has been amended as follows:

Page 6, the first full paragraph is amended as follows:

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Incidentally, the inorganic particles 2a are recovered from the dross 4 in accordance with the kind of the flux 3 used in the step shown in Fig. 1B. For example, when water-soluble flux 3 is used, the inorganic particles 2a can be recovered by dissolving the flux 3 in water or a suitable solvent. When high-temperature evaporative flux 3 is used, the inorganic particles 2a can be recovered by baking the whole of the dross 4.